

Mold jaw half for an apparatus for the production of  
transversely ribbed tubes

The invention concerns a mold jaw half for an apparatus for the  
5 production of transversely ribbed tubes, wherein the mold jaw half has end  
faces and a base face and in its interior a cooling passage with a coolant  
feed and a coolant discharge, which open at a spacing from each other at  
the base face of the mold jaw.

An apparatus for the production of transversely ribbed tubes is  
10 described for example in DE 197 02 647 C1.

The coolant feed and the coolant discharge are connected to  
associated cooling passage portions which are in flow communication at  
their end remote from the coolant feed and discharge, by means of a  
passage communicating portion.

15 In known mold jaw halves the coolant feed, the cooling passage  
main portion adjoining same, the cooling passage communicating portion  
adjoining same, the main portion adjoining same and the coolant discharge  
adjoining same are of a configuration extending in a U-shape, viewed in a  
direction on to the end faces of the mold jaw half. Such a configuration,  
20 that is to say such a formation for the cooling passage, gives rise to a given  
flow resistance for the coolant as it flows through the cooling passage, the  
coolant being in particular water. That flow resistance causes a  
correspondingly reduced through-put of coolant, that is to say water,  
through the cooling passage of the respective mold jaw half. That has a  
25 corresponding effect on the productivity of the apparatus for the production  
of transversely ribbed tubes.

In consideration of those factors the object of the invention is to  
provide a mold jaw half of the kind set forth in the opening part of this  
specification, wherein the flow resistance for the coolant through the  
30 cooling passage is reduced and the coolant or water through-put through  
the cooling passage is correspondingly increased.

In accordance with the invention, in a mold jaw half of the kind set  
forth in the opening part of this specification, that object is attained in that

the coolant feed and the coolant discharge cross – as viewed in a direction viewing on to the end faces of the mold jaw halves – and are oriented in opposite relationship with respect to the advance direction of the mold jaw half.

5 By virtue of such a configuration for the cooling passage, that is to say the coolant feed and the coolant discharge of the cooling passage, in an orientation in opposite relationship to the advance direction of the mold jaw, the coolant, preferably water, which flows into the coolant feed, is so-to-speak shovelled into the cooling passage and thus the flow resistance is  
10 reduced. That reduced flow resistance results in an increased level of water or coolant through-put and a corresponding improvement in the cooling action of the coolant or water in the cooling passage of the mold jaw half. An apparatus for the production of transversely ribbed tubes, which is equipped with mold jaw halves according to the invention, enjoys a  
15 correspondingly improved level of productivity.

In the case of the mold jaw half according to the invention, the coolant feed and the coolant discharge - viewed in a direction viewing on to the end faces of the mold jaw halves - can be of a mirror-image symmetrical configuration in order to achieve correspondingly symmetrical  
20 flow conditions through the cooling passage of the mold jaw half.

It has proven to be advantageous if, in the mold jaw half according to the invention, the coolant feed and the coolant discharge – seen in a direction viewing on to the end faces of the mold jaw half - are each of an arcuately curvedly extending configuration, because, by virtue of such a  
25 configuration, the coolant or the water is optimally shovelled into the cooling passage of the mold jaw half upon the advance movement thereof and is discharged again through the coolant discharge. According to the invention the coolant feed and the coolant discharge – viewed in the advance direction of the mold jaw – are laterally displaced relative to each  
30 other and adjoin arcuate cooling passage main portions which, seen in the direction viewing on to the end faces of the mold jaw half, are in mutually spaced parallel relationship and which – viewed in the advance direction of the mold jaw – are provided in coincident relationship.

Mold jaw halves according to the invention can be easily produced in a casting process, in which respect it will be appreciated that the casting process is followed by a finishing machining process. Mold jaw halves according to the invention have a cooling passage with a reduced flow 5 resistance so that the through-put of coolant or water through the cooling passage is increased and consequently the cooling action is improved.

Further details, features and advantages will be apparent from the description hereinafter of an embodiment illustrated in the drawing of an apparatus for the production of transversely ribbed tubes or two mold jaw 10 halves of said apparatus and a mold jaw half in a direction of view on to the end faces thereof and an illustration of the cooling passage of such a mold jaw half as a front view and a side view.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a cut-away plan view of an embodiment of an apparatus 15 for the production of transversely ribbed tubes,

Figure 2 is a view in section taken along section line II-II in Figure 1 to show two mold jaw halves which at the mold section of the apparatus of Figure 1 form a mold passage for the production of a transversely ribbed tube,

20 Figure 3 shows a mold jaw half viewing in the direction of the arrow III in Figure 2, that is to say in a direction viewing on to the end faces thereof,

Figure 4 shows an illustration of the cooling passage of the mold jaw half of Figure 3 in the direction of view corresponding to Figure 3, and

25 Figure 5 shows a side view of the cooling passage of Figure 4 viewing in the direction of the arrow V, wherein Figures 4 and 5 also still show the gate portions of the cooling passage.

Figure 1 is a cut-away view from above showing an embodiment of the apparatus 10 for the production of transversely ribbed tubes with a 30 base arrangement 12 having two endless guide paths 14 for mold jaw halves 16. Only two of those mold jaw halves 16 are shown in Figure 1. The apparatus however is provided with such a number of jaw halves 16 that

the mold jaw halves 16 bear in positively locking relationship against each other along the respective guide path 14.

Figure 2 is a view in the direction of the arrows II-II in Figure 1 showing two mold jaw halves 16 which bear snugly and in positively locking relationship against each other with their end faces 20 and 22 along a mold section 18 (see Figure 1), along which the two guide paths 14 are provided in mutually parallel and closely juxtaposed relationship, so that the mold jaw halves along the mold section 18 form a mold passage 24 in which a transversely ribbed tube is formed in per se known manner.

To cool the mold jaw half 16 it is provided with a cooling passage 26, as is also illustrated in Figure 3. The cooling passage 26 of the respective mold jaw half 16 has a coolant feed 28, an arcuate cooling passage main portion 30 adjoining the coolant feed 28, a cooling passage communication portion 32 adjoining the cooling passage main portion 30, a cooling passage main portion 34 adjoining the cooling passage communicating portion 32, and a coolant discharge 36 adjoining the last-mentioned cooling passage main portion 34.

The coolant feed 28 and the coolant discharge 36 cross as viewed in a direction viewing on to the end faces 20 and 22 of the mold jaw half 16, as is apparent from Figure 3. In Figure 3 the advance direction of the mold jaw half 16 is indicated by the arrow 38. Figure 3 further shows that the coolant feed 20 and the coolant discharge 36 are oriented in opposite relationship with respect to the advance direction 38 of the mold jaw half 16. That is indicated by the arrows 40 and 42 associated with the coolant feed 28 and the coolant discharge 36. The arrow 40 indicates the flow direction of the coolant into the cooling passage 26 and the arrow 42 indicates the flow direction of the coolant out of the cooling passage 26.

As seen in a direction viewing on to the end faces 20 and 22 of the mold jaw half 16, the coolant feed 28 and the coolant discharge 36 are each of an arcuately curvedly extending configuration, as can be seen from Figure 3, so that, during the advance movement of the mold jaw halves 16 in the direction of the arrow 38, the coolant is so-to-speak shovelled into the cooling passages 26 of the mold jaw halves 16 so that the flow

resistance through the respective cooling passage 26 is reduced and the coolant through-put is correspondingly increased so that the cooling action of the coolant for cooling the respective mold jaw half 16 is correspondingly improved.

5 Figures 4 and 5 show a cooling passage 26 alone, that is to say without the associated mold jaw half. It will be apparent from Figure 4 that the cooling passage main portions 30 and 34 are provided oriented in mutually spaced and parallel relationship. Figure 5 shows that the coolant feed 28 and the coolant discharge 36 of the cooling passage 26 – viewed in  
10 the advance direction 38 of the mold jaw half 16 – are laterally displaced relative to each other. That lateral displacement is illustrated in Figure 5 by the double-headed arrow 44. The cooling passage main portions 30 and 34 – viewed in the advance direction 38 of the mold jaw half 16 – are of an arcuately extending configuration between the coolant feed and discharge  
15 28 and 36 and the cooling passage communicating portion 32 remote therefrom and are provided in coincident relationship, as viewed in the advance direction 38 of the mold jaw half 16, as can be seen from Figure 5.

Figures 4 and 5 also show the gate portion 46 adjoining the coolant feed 48, the gate portion 48 adjoining the coolant discharge 36 and two  
20 gate portions 50 which project integrally in respect of material away from the cooling passage communication portion 32. The gate portions 46 and 48 are severed along the double-dotted line 52. The gate portions 50 are severed along the double-dotted line 54.

The same details are denoted in each of Figures 1 through 5 by the  
25 same references so that there is no need for all features to be described in detail with reference to each of those Figures.

## CLAIMS

1. A mold jaw half for an apparatus (10) for the production of transversely ribbed tubes, wherein the mold jaw half (16) has end faces (20, 22) and a base face and in its interior a cooling passage (26) with a coolant feed (28) and a coolant discharge (36), which open at a spacing from each other at the base face of the mold jaw half (16),

characterised in that

the coolant feed (28) and the coolant discharge (36) cross, as seen in a direction viewing on to end faces (20, 22) of the mold jaw halves (16), and are oriented in opposite relationship with respect to the advance direction (38) of the mold jaw halves (16).

2. Mold jaw halves as set forth in claim 1 characterised in that the coolant feed (28) and the coolant discharge (36), seen in a direction viewing on to the end faces (20, 28), of the mold jaw halves (16) are of a mirror-image symmetrical configuration.

3. Mold jaw halves as set forth in claim 1 or claim 2 characterised in that the coolant feed (28) and the coolant discharge (36), seen in a direction viewing on to the end faces (20, 22) of the mold jaw halves (16), are each of an arcuately curvedly extending configuration.

4. Mold jaw halves as set forth in one of claims 1 through 3 characterised in that the coolant feed (28) and the coolant discharge (36), as seen in the advance direction (38) of the mold jaw halves (16), are laterally displaced relative to each other and adjoin arcuate cooling passage main portions (30, 34) which, seen in the direction viewing on to the end faces (20, 22) of the mold jaw halves (16), are in mutually spaced parallel relationship and which, seen in the advance direction (38) of the mold jaw halves (16), are provided in coincident relationship.

### Abstract

Described is a mold jaw half (16) for an apparatus (10) for the production of transversely ribbed tubes, wherein the mold jaw half (16) has end faces (20, 22) and a base face and in its interior a cooling passage (26) with a coolant feed (28) and a coolant discharge (36), which open at a spacing from each other at the base face of the mold jaw halves (16). In order to provide a reduced flow resistance for the coolant through the cooling passage (26) and consequently an increased coolant through-put, resulting in an improved cooling action, it is proposed that the coolant feed (28) and the coolant discharge (36) cross, as seen in a direction viewing on to the end faces (20, 22) of the mold jaw halves (16), and are oriented in opposite relationship with respect to the advance direction (38) of the mold jaw half (16). That mutually opposite orientation provides that the coolant is virtually shovelled into the cooling passage (26).

(Figure 3)